HOUSE No. 1646

By Ms. Polito of Shrewsbury, petition of Karyn E. Polito and Shirley Gomes relative to bidding on public contracts. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO BIDDING ON PUBLIC CONTRACTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Paragraph (A) of subsection (2) of section 44A of chapter 149
- 2 of the General Laws, as amended by section 11 of chapter 193 of
- 3 the Acts of 2004, is hereby further amended by striking out the
- 4 first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sen-
- 5 tence:— Every contract for the construction, reconstruction,
- 6 installation, demolition, maintenance of any building by a public
- 7 agency estimated to cost not less than \$5,000 nor more than
- 8 \$10,000 shall be awarded to the responsible person offering to
- 9 perform the contract at the lowest price quotation; provided, how-
- 10 ever, that the public agency shall seek written price quotations
- 11 from no fewer than 3 persons customarily providing the work for
- 12 which the contract is being made available.